

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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C side region of the tread portion, the cords of each of the innermost cord layer and the middle cord layer have an inclination angle of 10-25° with respect to the equatorial plane, and cords of an outermost cord layer have an inclination angle of 45-115° with respect to the equatorial plane as measured in the same direction as in the cords of the middle cord layer, and the outermost cord layer has a width extending toward an end of the tread portion over an outermost groove edge of an outermost circumferential groove in a widthwise direction of the tread portion.